

MINUTES OF THE FORT HOOD RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING

1. The 10 January 2008 meeting of the Fort Hood Retiree Council convened at 1200 hours in III Corps Conference Room #2, Bldg 1001.

2. Membership Attendance:

a. Members Present:

LTG (Ret) Palmer, Chairman	CSM (Ret) Minosky, Co-Chairman
MG (Ret) Meyer, Assoc. Member	COL (Ret) Somera, Member
COL (Ret) Portmann, Member	COL (Ret) Gauer, Member
COL (Ret) Oliver, Assoc. Member	LTC (Ret) Woodward, Member
CW3 (Ret) Hanger, Member	SCPO (Ret) Lubasky, Member
CSM (Ret) Kitterman, Member	SGM (Ret) Lopez, Member
1SG (Ret) Miller, Member	MSG (Ret) Wood, Member
SFC (Ret) Evans-Quickley, Member	Mrs. Shirley Greathouse, (Widow) Member

b. Members Absent:

1SG (Ret) Fisher, Member

3. The Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed the council members to the meeting. He also welcomed guests: COL Bill Hill, Garrison Cdr; Mr. Daniel Schmidt, AAFES Gen Mgr; Commissary Mgrs: Mr. James Thompson, Warrior Way Commissary Mgr, and Mrs. Donna Baird, Clear Creek Commissary Mgr.

- SGM (Ret) Guadalupe Lopez was introduced and welcomed to the retiree council as the newest member

4. The council was briefed by:

a. COL Bill Hill, Garrison Commander.

Col Hill briefed his top ten priorities for the post. He talked about competing resources and the balancing act required ensuring that the post is able to support the soldiers, families and retirees all in the manner that they deserve.

b. Mrs. Baird, Clear Creek Commissary and Mr. James Thompson, Warrior Way Commissary briefed the following issues and topic's:

- Recent distribution issues at the Commissaries. There was a major distributor of groceries to the Commissary that went out of business. They are working to fill the shelves while working through the distribution issues.
- A change in how the meat markets are run at the Commissaries. Each meat market will have the top 40 cuts of meat available to customers. If they want smaller portions they contact an employee in the meat market and they will repackage the meat with the portion of meat the customer wants.
- Both Commissaries are getting self service scanners starting in March and continuing on through April.
- Tobacco will now be a separate transaction at both Commissaries. They were losing lots of product due to theft.

c. Mr. Daniel Schmidt, AAFES General Manger.

- Briefed that AAFES policy is to do what's best for the whole community.

- He informed us that if we wanted to sign up for email notifications on what was going on here at our local AAFES we could have our name added to the buddy list. To sign up send an email to parkerr@aafes.com. The email goes to the administrative assistant and she maintains the Buddy List for Fort Hood. If one goes to the aafes.com website they can find out some information about the Buddy List and can sign up there also - but you have to log into the AAFES site. People on the buddy list get an early notification on some of the specials and sometimes only the Buddy List gets certain discount coupons, etc.

d. Additional Guests: Mr. Charles Green, Dir, Human Resources

5. The Chairman opened discussion for old and new business. There were two items of new business; and two topic reports from meetings attended.

- a. First item (New Business): LTG (Ret) Palmer briefed us on the current Retiree Council Structure and said that based on the area we represent and the current demographics of the council it was recommended that we add at least one more member. There were really two areas that need to have additional representation; the black population and soldiers who have recently retired. There was discussion that if we found a black male who had recently retired we would have someone who fits both demographics at the same time. If anyone has anyone in mind that would be a good representative they are encouraged to contact Ms. Waller with information on that person.
- b. Second Item (New Business): LTG (Ret) Palmer briefed us on the Retiree Council Committees. He discussed the current makeup of the committees and recommended we add personnel to each committee as required to have not only a primary representative but an alternative representative in case the primary was unavailable or unable to attend a meeting the alternate could attend.
 - There was also discussion on a representative to fill a position for the Family Advisory Council. The GC requested a male retiree be appointed to this committee from the Fort Hood Retiree Council

LTG (Ret) Palmer, the Chairman, turned over the meeting to CSM (Ret) Minosky, the Co-Chairman to finish up with selections for each committee. He asked that everyone be represented somewhere within the committee's.

CSM (Ret) Minosky asked that any member not currently on a committee see Ms. Waller during the break to sign up for the committee they would like to serve on.

6. COL (Ret) Portmann gave a report on the Health Care Advisory Council. He said COL Jones at the hospital is giving more emphasis to customer service. They are upgrading facilities and working on increasing public relations.
7. LTC (Ret) Woodward gave a report on the Volunteer Services Council. He passed out some information on Monthly Volunteer Management Seminars for 2008.
8. CW3 (Ret) Hanger gave an update on the Commissary. He reiterated some of what the Commissary managers had already discussed. He also reported that the baggers are doing a better job and seem to be more courteous.

9. CSM (Ret) Minosky confirmed that all committee positions had been filled and that everyone was on a committee or had an additional position. Information is as follows:

Special Issues Committee

CSM (Ret) Minosky, Chairman, Special Issues Committee
SGM (Ret) Lopez, Member
1SG (Ret) Miller, Member
SFC (Ret) Evans-Quickley, Member
COL (Ret) Oliver, Member (Associate Member)

Health Care Committee

COL (Ret) Portmann, Chairman, Health Care Committee
1SG (Ret) Fisher, Member
Mrs. Greathouse, Member

Volunteer Services Council

LTC (Ret) Woodward, Chairman Volunteer Services Committee

AAFES Council

COL (Ret) Somera, Chairman, AAFES Committee
MSG (Ret) Wood, Member

Commissary Council

CW3 (Ret) Hanger, Chairman, Commissary Committee
SCPO (Ret) Lubasky, Member


Family Advisory Council

COL (Ret) Gauer

Secretary, Fort Hood Retiree Council

CSM (Ret) Kitterman

10. The meeting at was adjourned at 14:25.


LTG (Ret) DAVE PALMER
Chairman
cm, RetSres
24 Jan 08


Approved/Disapproved

RONALD PERRY
Rear Chief of Staff